A TRIP THROUGH THE SCHOOLS

What a Gazette Reporter Saw Yesterday A Canine Policeman Dead-They Were Released - Bitten by a Cat-An Exciting Rumor.

Bitten by a Cat.

Yesterday morning a rabid cat bit the little daughter of De uty Sheriff Witcher while she was playing with it, fastening its teath in the child's cheek. Mrs. Witcher palled the cat loose, threw it aside, and in a moment it was selzed with convulsions, during which time it was killed by Mrs. r. The father and mother are of serious results from the bite, and will take precautions against it.

#### The Packing-House.

The Fort Worth packing company is running its establishment to full capacity, killing an average of 600 hogs and 100 cattle daily heside sheep and calves. So great has become the demand for the product of this establishment that the force is this week running a part of the night. It is said there is a scarcity of cured meats all

over the country. Attention, G. A. E. The regular meeting of Sedgwick Post No. 39, G. A. R., will be held at their hall in The Gazette building, corner Fifth and

Husk's rests. Thursday, October 22, 1891, at 7,30 p. m. sharp.
Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Charles B. Grang, Post Commander. T. W. MANCEESTER, Adjutant,

#### Hal Out of Luck.

Another robbery has to be recorded from Another robbery has to be recorded from the Cotton Beit depot down in the bottom. At a late hour night before last F. Hal Waggoner, agent, was busily checking up his work and a thief crept behind him, seized and held him, while a confederate took everything in sight of value. As it so hapvened, the cash was in the safe, exceptions. ss, which he took. He also took a six-shooter belonging to Hal, then both backed out and skipped. Hal gave chase, but not having a gun the chase was futile.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Cemberland Presbyterian church will give a social in their church parlors this even-ing a 7-30. All friends and acquaintances cordially invited. Following is the pro-

Pinno solo ... Misses and Miss Hattie Butts
Beeltation, "shadows" (by request) ... Miss Glenn
Voca solo ... Miss Mary Feild
Violin solo ... Miss Mary Feild
Pinno solo ... Miss Mary Feild
Pinno solo ... Miss Mary Feild
Pinno solo ... Miss Glenn
Veca dect ... Misses F. Feila and E. Morrison
Pinno solo ... Flossy Thomas 

#### A Canine Policeman Dead.

Coyote has changed his beat-he has gone where all good dogs go. He was the pet of the entire police force, and the especial pet of Officer Henry Towns. He was never of watch during Towns' hours of duty, and did valuable service in inspecting alleyways and stairways, and woe be unto the sinner found therein. He would invariably precede the officers, and was never known to turn off the wrong street on the regular heat. It was a fact that Officer Towns or Coyote would feat for the other when either was in the least molested. For sev-eral days Coyote showed symptoms of sickness and was very irritable. He was tied up to guard against an accident, and so bad did he grow that yesterday he died. The Officers Towns gave him a humane burial, and is visibly affected whenever talking about Coyote's taking off.

#### A Mysterious Shot.

Yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock street near the Sana Fe railroad when a shot rang out and his horse sprang forward and was almost uncontrollable. So sudden was the horse's action Mr. Oglesby could not look out from his covered wagon to see who did the shooting until the horse was checked, nearly a block away. He stopped but could see no one. The horse was shot in the left front leg, and the horse was snot in the left front leg, and the wound is serious, as it was with much diffi-culty that the flow of blood was stopped. Mr. Ogiesby and his employer, Mr. Cromer, can in no way account for the shot, as it is not known that either has an enemy in the city. They think it resulted from carelessness on the part of some one. The matter was put into the hands of Officer Sebe Maddox, and every effort will be put forth to run down the party who arest the shot. horse, if he recovers, will perhaps be

### An Auniversary Celebration.

Fort Worth lodge No. 2144, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, will celebrate their cleventh anniversary on October 22, with a public installation at Yates hall. The parade, headed by the Fort Worth

silver cornet band, starts from their hall or Houston street at 3:20 p. m.; up Houston to Thirteenth, then east to Main and up Main to the square, thence to Yates' hall. Installation will take place at 8:30 p. m. The arrangements committee will spare no pains in making everything pleasant for The following are in charge of the day's proceedings:
J. D. Johnson, master of ceremonies.

B. W. Vincin, conductor of the day, F. P. Gibson, orator of the day, T. H. Daily, assisted by George Fronsell,

ne-hal of the day. Arrangement computites -A. Cavell, chair-

rum: H. C. Williams, Thomas Mason, Henry Davis, R. C. Sayles, -Dr. O. C. Queen, idecution committee—Dr. O. C. Queen, Mack Roberson, Join Riggin, Committee on Programme—T. H. Smith, chaleman; W. Massey, R. W. Cook.

Considerable excitement prevailed yes-terlay afternoon about 3 o'clock, it being types ed that the prisoners had broken jail. A terorter endeavored to run the rumor wm and see from whence it sprung. When the afternoon train came in from



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Dallas a coup'e of suspicious characters got off and proceeded through the yards as if they thought some one was spotting themand there was. Their action was reported to Policeman McDaniels, who spied them trotting south on Main street south of the reilway. He gave chase and opened up his six-timer in order to frighten them to a halt. They halted not, but bounded over a fence and proceeded to secrete themselves under a house. Deputy Sheriff Gunnells was passing along and saw the flight, and

was passing along and saw the flight, and put spurs to his Horse and joined in. The two officers compelled the men to come out and loaded them into the hoodlum wagon and loaded them into the hoodlum wagon and gave them quarters at the calaboose. The fact that Deputy Gunnells was in the race led to the report that the jailbirds had flown. Jailer Elliott was kept busy answering the phone to those making inquiries as to whether help was needed. It was also reported on the street that some one had been killed on the South Side, and Chief Maddox detailed a couple of officers to investigate but all this wildfire came to investigate, but all this wildfire came from the little pastime "Mac" had in chas-ing a couple of fellows who are thought to be crooks. They were not as well fixed, however, as the seven recently run in, for they hadn't a cent in their inside pocket.

We desire to call together as many repre-sentative real estate agents and land own ers as possible to meet at the Texas state fair and Dallas exposition on Monday, October 26, meeting to be held at the city hall

at 10 o'clock a. m. The object of the meeting will be to consult together in regard to the best mode of advertising Texas abroad. Our Texas exhibit cars will be run into the fair-grounds, where all can see them, and ex-Governor Hubbard and Mr. W. B. Slosson will be on hand to tell what they have accomplished in two and one-half months' travel through the North and

It is expected that this will be a matter of sufficient interest to the real estate men and land owners of Texas, to command their attention.

Give us the benefit of your presence and counsel on this occasion. Respectfully,

J. J. FARRANKS, President.

C. S. HARDY, Secretary.
P. S.—The Texas state fair and Dallas exposition officials have kindly designated the 26th of October as "Texas Real Estate During the fair, Mr. C. S. Hardy, secre

#### They were Released.

all real estate men will be welcomed.

tary, will have an office in the board of trade hall on Main street, in Dallas, where

The seven crooks recently run in by For Worth's unexcelled police were yesterday drawn up in front of Detective Kirby of Dallas, Detective Lawler of St. Louis and a detective from Kansas City. They were en sight pronounced a dangerous gang. Some of them and the detectives had mot before. The two who called themselves Baker and Moore, and who carried guns, vere fined \$25 each, but the others were cleased without fines. The one who gave his name as Denny was instantly recog nized by Detective Lawler as Whalen, a no nized by Detective Lawier as whaten, a no-torious pickpocket. The man Rogers was identified as Billie Trussel, a notorious crook. J. C. Moore was recognized as Har-din, alias "Lop-eared Kid," another noted and dangerous crook. After the detectives had; done with the

gang, Chief Maddox notified them that they must be out of town in two hours, to which they willingly agreed. He further notified them that anyone of his men seeing them here after 3:30 would run them in. The fellow Crawford conversed with De-

tective Kirby, teiling him the gang was go-ing over to Dallas, but not to work the town. Mr. Kirby warned him, saying, "if any of you fellows set foot in Dallas you'll be run in, depend on it." The crooks then proceeded to a saloon refreshed themselves and headed for the

union depot.
The action of the police in this city Tues day morning without doubt saved some one or more of our business men heavy losses, for this gang would have undoubtedly worked the town Tuesday night. One of the gang was known to the police here, having resided in this city during Mr. Rea's term of office, and was run out of town upon instructions from that officer. In The Gazette's report yesterday the name of Officer Garvey appeared as having assisted i the arrest, when it should have

#### The Theater.

been Darby.

R.D. MacLean and Marie Prescott are announced for a matinee and night performance at the opera house to-day, when they will produce Romeo and Juliet and Spar-E. Oglesby, driving Charles Cromer's tagus at night. They will no doubt be no ers of Fort Worth. The Terre Haute News says: MacLean's interpretation of the bar-baric chieftain was superb. He played the part with marvelous fidelity to the style of Forrest and Forrest's pupit, John McCull lough, showing himself, indeed, to be the rival of these stalwart figures in the dra-

matic history.

He was wild and fierce and passionate. tis true, but uniformly noble and heroic, withal. His acting in the arena scene was par excellence.

A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

This week will close with a very superior attraction at the Greenwall oper house, Mr. Lewis Morrison in his grand pectacular of Faust. The bill, however or this attraction has been slightly changed from that contemplated in the original changed from that contemplated in the orig-inal announcement, in this, that in-stead of presenting Faust on both Friday and Saturday nights, the Strang-lers of Paris will be given on Satur-day night, the Morrison engagement open-ing with Faust on Friday.

The Courier-Journal says: Lewis Morri-

son opened at the Masonic Temple last evening with his interesting presentation of He was greeted with a large and enthusiastic audience that was so well pleased as to give him a curtain call after three of the five acts. Lewis Morrison's Mephisto is as charming as ever; indeed he seems to improve with age. The scenic effects were new and beautiful, more particularly the garden scene where Faust succeeds in winning the love and confidence of poor, weak Marguerite. The illumina-tion by electricity of the flowers was a realistic piece of work, and the same may be said of the Brocken scene. In fact, all the scenic effects were unusually fine. ary piece of scenery used in the production is new, and was used for the first time last evening. It arrived here on last Satur-day from Columbus, Ohio, and was put in lace for this engagement. The scene was well put on, and the final tableau was of unusual beauty. Lewis Morrison is so very attractive and

strong in his rendition of the witty Me phisto that he absorbs the attention of his dience from the curtain-rise to the fall The electric light effects are new and well andled. The engagement continues till Wednesday night, with a matinee on that lay. Mr. Morrison is a strong attraction, day. Mr. Morrison is a strong attraction, and the business for the remaining perform-ances will no doubt be large, as he deserves.

### Legal Dots.

SEVENTERNIH DISTRICT-HON, B. R. BECK-4601. J. H. Rex vs. G., C. & S. F. Ry. 4736. T. H. Osborne vs. Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. Co.; continued. 4747. J. G. Riley vs. A., T. &S. F. Ry. Co.; 4753. E. E. Garrison vs. T. & P. Ry. Co.

heeled on Thursday's assignment. FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT-HON, N. A. STEAD MAN, JUDGE.

4645. J. R. Brown vs. T.&P. Ry. Co.; general demurrer to amended original petition sustained, and plaintiff has leave to amend special exceptions overruled.
4743. P. K. Chase vs. T. & P. Ry. Co.;

general demurrer to plaintiff's petition overruled, to which defendant excepts, 5290. M. A. Pool vs. T. & P. Ry. Co. et al.; general demurrer of defendant, T. & P. Ry. Co. and especial exceptions to plain-tiff's petition overruled to which defendant, T. & P. Ry. Co., excepts; general and special demurrer of defendant, T. & P. Ry. Co. to plea of defendant, Ft. W. & R. I. & P. Ry. Co., over against T. & P. Ry. Co., over ruled, to which defendant, T. & P. Ry. Co.,

excepts.
6029, J. T. Bowman vs. City of Fort Worth: plaintiff has leave to amend. 6089. Thomas Young vs. Western Union

telegraph company; plaintiff has leave to amend. General and special exceptions to plaintiff's petition overruled, to which defendant excepts.
6273. J. W. McMahan vs. Gulf, Colorado

and Santa Fe company; plaintiff has leave to amend.

In the case of Frank Cunningham vs. the Guif, Colorado and Santa Fe railway com-pany, defendant's motion to set aside judgment by default was sustained.

In this court one suit was filed:
6639. Ross & Terroll vs. the Texas Iron
rolling mills company, et al. Suit for debt.
Attention is again and especially called to
the fact that in the Seventeenth district
court the non-jury trial docket will be taken
up on November 5th, 6th and 7th, and in
the Forty-eighth district on November
12th 12th and 14th

COUNTY COURT—HON. W. D. HARRIS, JUDGE.
In No. 4128, E. M. Winfrey vs. Al. Gentry et al., the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$500. In No. 4019, G. Nance vs. W. S. Conner. there was a verdict for plaintiff for the sum of \$500. 4143. A. E. Gething vs. W. H. East-

4143. A. E. Gething vs. W. H. Eastman, was on trial at adjournment.
4146. S. H. Bromley vs. Fort Worth
Packing Company, was continued.
4830. Harry Strohl vs. G., C. & S. F.
Ry Co., was continued.
4851. T. M. Forbes vs. Riverside St. Ry.
Co., was set for Friday.
4111. J. T. Day vs. G., C. & S. F. Ry. Co.,
was tried and resulted in a verdict for defendant.

4846, T. P. Day vs. Mrs. L. Galloway et al., set for to-day, Thursday.

The following cases were filed yesterday in the county court:
4469. A. T. Wooten vs. Fort Worth and
Rio Grande Railway company; suit for

damages,
4470. The Mail Publishing company vs.
W. H. Taylor; trial of right property,
4471. P. N. McGaugney vs. Tarrant
County, garnishee; M. Matkin, defendant
4472. The Artesian Ice company vs. T. C. Rushing et al. : suit for debt. 4473. The Artesian Ice Co. vs. J. W. Bu-chanan; suit for debt. 4474. Fort Worth Packing Co. vs. the Chamber of Commerce of Fort Worth, Tex.

4475. W. H. Chick vs. John Ratican; suit 4476. Collins & Armstrong vs. Mrs. E. L. Casey et al.; suit for debt.
4477. Tower Manufacturing and Novelty Company vs. Allen A. Letchworth,

4478. William R. Howard vs. Texas and Pacific Railway Company, sudamages, loss of property in transit.

### Realty Record.

The following transfers were recorded Tuesday and Wednesday, together with re-

S. M. Fry, trustee, to H. Timmermann, lot 15, block 23, lot 15, block 20, and lot 17, block 15, lot 10, block 26, Prospect

Jones, lots 17 to 20, block 12, Fairmount addition.

C. L. Post, trustee, to D. W. Jones, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 5, Woolen mills second addition.

J. W. Eurford and wife to S. N.

J. W. Burford and wife to S. N Brookshire, lot 4, block 3, Edwards' addition.

Mary Warren to L. C. Mahaney, part E. M. Daggett survey....

M. A. C. Greer to G. M. Greer, part F. G. Milliken survey....

Following are releases:

J. W. Burford to S. N. Brookshire, lot 4, block 4, Edwards addition. Brookshire, lot 4, block 3, Ed-

addition... Mary Warren to L. C. Mahaney, part E. M. Daggett survey ....

WEDNESDAY. J. F. Cooper to the American Land and Investment company lot 6, block B5, Daggett's ad-

dition
L. J. Randall to W. P. and R. E.
Lewis, south half northwest quarter block 46, Tucker's ad-E. E. Fosdick to Luther Rees, 150 lots in Cotton Mill addition lots in Cotton Mill addition....

S. M. Fry, trustee, to Alfred Albee, lot 19, block 25, Prospect Heights

S. M. Fry, trustee, to Peter Sandeen, lot 5, block 27, Prospect Height

Hudson, five acres Jesse Rus-sell survey, three acres Mathers sell survey, three acres Mathers Auderson survey, part J. Pick-ett survey, interest in twenty acres in C. Rose survey. S. M. Fry, trustee, to W. G. Royal, lot 15, block 13, Prospect Heights S. M. Fry, trustee, to O. Jones, lot 19, block 21, Prospect Heights L. F. Butler to R. W. Marple, all

interest in Provine and Marple addition.....

#### AMONG THE SCHOOLS. A Gazette Reporter's Observations Vesterday.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Superintendent White and a GAZETTE reporter made a visit to some of the schools. It was the intention to visit as many as possible

In building No. 1 the first visit paid was to Miss Johnson's room, where forty-two little tackers of the first grade were learning by means of object lessons a variety of things useful and practical. The little fel-lows were too busily absorted to bestow more than a passing glance at the visitors, being more interested in Miss Johnson's inions. Twenty-five from this grade this week transferred to the new

school rooms.

In the second grade Mrs. Vaughn had fourty-eight pupils deeply interested in number work, and, like their comrades in the other room, had no eyes for visitors. These two grades embrace the smallest school children, those little fellows who are usually so restless and hard to control, but the discipline maintained is admirable Hands are raised but no snapping of fingers is heard. The little fellows are remarka bly bright and the ladies have the faculty of enlisting their interest in their studies in a manner that must be seen to be appreclated. A number of pupils, some thirty five, have also been transferred to the ter porary school rooms, thus greatly relieving this building, which even now has the full quota of pupils that can be accomodated.

In the fourth grade Miss Clay has forty-eight pupils, and these are all bright and studious. Miss Clay is a very efficient teacher, and her work shows

In the third grade Miss Kimbrough has forty pupils engaged in the writing exer-cise. As in the other rooms, the discipline is remarkable, and the methods of instruction such as to thoroughly absorb the at-

tion such as to thoroughly absorb the attention of the pupils.

Professor Goggin has charge of the fifth grade. He is a gentleman thoroughly versed in the conduct of graded schools, an enthusiastic teacher, and his enthusiasm seems to have infected to pupils. The discipline all through this building is very noticeable, especially the orderly manne which the children vacate the building.

This building is now "chock full," yet there should be facilities provided for many more: Superintendent White and assistants are doing all in their power, but assistants are doing all in their power, but the more crowded a room becomes the less efficient is the instruction. Children when crowded become restless, and it is impossi-ble to enlist their attention and rouse the enthusiasm necessary to successful tuition. From building No. 1 Superintendent White and The Gazette proceeded to the high school. This magnificent building now contains 506 pupils. Well ventilated,



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light and airy, all its surroundings are con-On the ground floor Miss Warren has 40 on the ground noor biss waren as so pupils, a portion of the fifth grade from building No. 3 in room No. 14. In room 13 Miss Bailey has forty-eight pupils, a division of the sixth grade from other buildings. In room 12 Miss Ruth Wingfield has forty-eight pupils, also a division of the

six:h grade. In room 11 Miss Woodruff has forty-eight In room 10 Mrs Woodrum has brity-eight pupils, also a division of the sixth grade.

In room 10 Mrs Stanberry has thirty-five pupils, a division of the seventh grade.

In room 9 Miss Atwell has thirty-five pupils, also a division in the seventh grade.

In room 8 Mrs Hoge has thirty-five pupils a division of the seventh grade one of pils, a division of the seventh grade, one of the brightest classes in the South and which Superintendent White says he is

willing to pit against any seventh grade class in Texas. This completes the granmar school portion of the graded schools in the high school building.

Ascending to the second floor the high school proper is found. As one ascends the grades there is a notable preponderance of stall cores hore, this probably being acgirls over boys, this probably being ac-counted for by the fact that when boys are sufficiently advanced to enter the higher grates they are taken from school and put o work learning trades, business or sent to

private schools.
In room 1 Miss Clayton has forty-two pupils. In room 2 Miss Speer has forty-five In room 3 Mrs. Roe has forty-two pupils.

In room 4 Professor Buchanan has thirtyeight pupils. In room 6 Mrs. Walden has thirty-one In room 7 Professor Hogg, the principal, has ten young ladies.

The following table will show the enroll-

ment and the proportion of girls and boys: 7 Professor Hogg. 10 . 10 6 Mrs. Walden 22 9 31 1 Miss Clayton. 31 11 12 Mr. Buchanan ..... Miss Atwell 10 Mrs. Stanbe Ty ..... | 11 alss Woodruff | 24 18 4 | 19 Miss Wingfield | 28 22 5 | 13 Miss Balley | 22 25 48 | 14 Miss Warrang | 22 25 48 14 Miss Warren 14 20 34

The same perfect order on vacating the The same periect order on vacating the different rooms, as well as the entire building is noticeable here, as well as at the other schools. A system of fire drill is being practiced, which will have the effect of emptying the building in two minutes in case of fire, with no confusion or alarm, at

the tap of the gong.

It is a shame that the city authorities permit the debris from the erection of the building to remain on the lawn. Its re-moval would cost very little and would greatly enhance the appearance of the grounds. This building is a source of pride to every citizen of Fort Worth, and the de-bris of refuse material should not be allowed to remain to detract from its appear

The parents of the pupils and all other interested in the cause of education should visit the schools often and see for them-selves the admirable effects of the graded system in use here, which is certainly superior in many respects to that of many Northern states. A visit to the schools would not only be productive of good to the visitor, but would be the means of greatly encouraging the superintendent and the teachers in their work.

### AFFAIRS IN GENERAL.

What Col. Hoxie Thinks of Matters and Things.

Yesterday afternoon a GAZETTE reporter sought Col. John R. Hoxie at the bank for the purpose of obtaining his views on the the purpose of obtaining his views on the situation and condition of things in general. The genial banker was rather loath to speak of matters but the name of "Fort Worth" proved an open sesame.

After some desultory conversation in which the action of the council and the financial condition of the city was dis-cussed, the colonel remarked that he was much pleased with the outlook for busi-ness improvement, and firmly achiered to his oft-reiterated statement that Fort Worth and Texas were all right,

"What do you regard as the most detri-mental to Fort Worth, the alien land law or the local taxation?"

"The local taxation. The alien land law

is, of course, a 'deadener,' but it cuts all over the state, while the system of local taxation, in its constant changes, produces a feeling of insecurity, and I believe it, for this reason, causes greater injury to the city's interests than the alien land law, be-cause it strikes the mechanic and the laborer and will, in the near future, dispossess them of their homes, besides driving out capital and enterprise. The system bears unequally, because in many cases some valuations are too high and others not high enough; the work of the board of equalization places a heavier burden upon the wage worker in proportion to his means, than upon the wealthier classes."
"In your opinion, how should the city

make her future investments?" "I am decidedly opposed to the city engag-ing in any enterprise calling for the expen-diture of money unless such enterprise assures an income sufficient to create a reve replenish the city treasury. To-wit: If we can build a waterworks system at an outlay of \$300.000 that will produce a revenue that water needed for sewers and the sanitary safety of the start I can in for it. This can easily needed for sewers and the sanitary safety of the city, I am in for it. This can easily be done. Every resident of Fort Worth is now a water consumer. The city has a population of say 8,000 water consumers, or about one-fifth the actual population. These expend an average of \$1 a month for water which is now purchased from the owners of artesian wells, or an expenditure of \$5000 a month, which would give

a total annual revenue of \$90,000. A supply of artesian water could be furnished these consumers by the new waterworks system at 50 cents a month, which would give a total annual revenue of \$45,000 per annum from private consumers exclusively. Add to this the rentals derived from the present system and it can readily be seen that the city would derive a revenue which would not only pay the interest charges, but would add largely to the city's moome, thus reducing that rate of taxation. With the natural increase derived from the constantly inwould give a total annual revenue of \$48. rate of taxation. With the natural increase derived from the constantly increasing population, the waterworks would be a benefit, not a burden, and would pay for itself twice over. This is the sort of enterprise I believe the city should engage "What is the general condition of busi-

ness! Is it improving?"
"Business is improving. The condition is getting better every day, and everybody will feel it before January 1. The financial depression, which was only temporary, may be said to be at an end. The movement of Texas crops is making a revolution and the volume of business has consequently shown a marked increase in the last three weeks. The best evidence of this lies in the fact that cellections have been better for the past ten days than at any time during the past seven years. Economy on the part of the people will now bring about the desired result." "What do you think of the present situa-

tion as applied to Fort Worth?"
"The present condition in Fort Worth is no unusual occurrence in the history of cities. All have at some time a period of depression. Men are too prone to speculate too freely, and this fever must be allayed and the city take another start on a more solid foundation. Factories do more to build cities than real estate deals. For Worth must so conduct herself hat good people and capital will locate here. The present situation is somewhat in the nature of a purgative. It will remove the disor-ders of the system caused by too high living, and the body politic will recover from the dose better, purer and stronger. The dose may be a drastic one, but it is good medicine all the same. Fort Worth has stood the ordeal remarkably well, and is now regarded in the East as one of the most solid of Southern cities. She's all right, and her people will feel the good effects soon," "What do you think of the city's

"As I said before, Fort Worth is all right, ographically, commercially and other-se. She has everything in her favor. wise. She has everything in her favor. She has a territory to sustain her larger than that tributary to Kansas City or Chicago. This country, of course, is as yet only partially developed. As it improves, so will Fort Worth. A great empire stretches away to the west that must pour its wealth into her lap. The traffic along the Fort Worth and Rio Grande and the Fort Worth and Denver railways will sustain a population of 100,000 Will sustain a population of 100,000 here. This traffic is as yet only in its infancy. Fort Worth is young yet. Another decade will wonderfully develop her resources and easily put her in the lead of all Texas cities. This may sound like the words of an enthusiast, but watch results and see if the old man's head is not level."

#### The Firemen's Meeting. The published call in THE GAZETTE yes

terday for a meeting of the fire department, last night was much discussed all day, not only among firemen, but the public gener-ally. By reference to the council's financial committee's report, published in full in THE GAZETTE vesterday, it will be seen that the paid members of the department suffered or will suffer, a reduction of their wages together with several other cuts and let outs. It was generally understood that the meeting was for the purpose of discussing this matter, though an erroneous idea pre-vailed that the fire laddies intended resorting to any extreme measures, and any statement to that effect was denounced in the hall last night.

The "new" Central fire hall was filled last night, and the sign "Standing room only" was hung out. Not only the firemen Central fire hall was filled gathered, but friends of the department and interested persons generally.

In the absence of President Lassiter, Vice-President Rainey presided. The meeting called to order, the object was made known, and the question of discussing the reduction of salaries on November I was that object. It was apparent from the start that the

meeting was going to be warm, and the discussions were spirited and to the point. Three members of the city council, Messrs, Early, Mongomery and Matkin, the latter two members of the fire department com-Chief Adams was called for, and argue

enier Adams was called for, and argued in favor of the wages that now prevail, but advocated going about the effort to secure this in a business-like manner, and de-nounced the rumor that any bull-dozing was intended.

Bascum Dunn argued to the point of the city's present condition financially, commending the firemen for their patriotism mending the firemen for their patriotism and devotion to duty, and advocated the advisability of holding on at the reduction at least until January 1, when it was hoped the city would be able to pay cash to its employes. He suggested the men be paid the difference by the department from its reserve fund, then take chances on the city refunding it the first of the year. He was of the impression the department had a \$3000 grant that could be "touched."

Stuart Hrrrison was opposed to Stuart infrison was opposed to know the time to know what was what, and moved a committee be appointed to wait upon the council and see

what was what, and moved a committee be appointed to wait upon the council and see what could be done toward having the wages go on as they are to-day. He opposed any radical measures, but advocated determination.

President Lassiter having arrived, but not taking the chair, was loudly called for. He arose and spoke at length. He reviewed the city's condition, the council's liberal action in behalf of the department in the past, the department's growth and its present superiority, and advocated the advis-



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ability of dropping the matter until the council saw fit to take it up. He thought the department should put its shoulder to the wheel and help the city tide over the present hard times, and felt also that inasmuch as other branches of the city's government had felt the linife, the firs department should do its part; that the council certainly acted the best and knew what it was doing. His argument was lengthy and carried weight.
First Assistant Chief Kaiser argued in favor of no reduction in wages.

Alderman Montgomery took the cond.

Mr. Montgomery is a friend of the depart.

ment, and the boys know it. He reviewed his action in behalf of the department and his determination to stand by it. He re-viewed the action of the council in this cut in salaries, and while he deplored the fact that it was necessary, it was necessary, nevertheless. He favored Mr. Harrison's motion to appoint a proper, conservative committee to wait upon the council and talk the matter over—thought it would do good. He thought by January I at the farthest the city would be paying its employes in cash. Mr. Montgomery's argument had great effect, and the members applauded his re-

Alderman Matkins was with the depart-

ment, but thought the council's action would have to hold until Jan arry at least, when he hoped cash would be paid instead of scrip.

Alderman Early was called for, arose and referred to Mr. Montgomery's remarks and indorsed them and spoke at complement beautiful and the script are script and the script some length on the action of the council. the city's financial condition, the council's action toward the department in the past, the undoubted likelihood of the city disposing of her bonds by December 1, and the fact that then the fire department would receive their pay without discount, and advocated that the meeting adjourn without record, as he thought it should not have been called and would work as a detriment to the department in future, that in the present temperament of the public and the council any radical break would not be

The chair here called for a vote on Mr. Harrison's motion to appoint a committee to wait on the council, but Mr. Perry of the Tucker Hill company moved "that we do now adjourn."

The vote to adjourn prevailed, and in three minutes there was not a man in the

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The Higher Courts.

Special to the Gazette. TYLER, SMITH COUNTY, TEX., Oct. 21. THER, SMITH COUNTY, TEX., Oct. 21.— The court of appeals in regular session to-day rendered the following decisions: Af-firmed—Cronin & Co. vs. Mergenthal, from Anderson; Taylor National Bank vs. Gil-bert et al., from Anderson; ex-parte Ab Anis, from Nueces; Texas and Pacific rail-way vs. Jackson, from Red River. The docket of the second assignment was

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called in both courts to-day.

Thrown by His Horse. Special to the Gazette. MEXIA, LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEX., Oct. 21.—H. F. Simmons, one of our merchants was driving this afternoon. His horse be came unmanageable and ran away, throw ing him out, breaking his thigh bone. He i now resting as easy as could be expected He will be confined several day.

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Special to the Gazette.

CHILDRESS CHILDRESS COUNTY, Tex. Oct. 21.—Our new and handsome \$42.00 courthouse was burned to the ground at about 3:30 o'clock this morning supposed to be the proof. about 3:20 o'clock this morning suppose to be the work of an incendiary. Ins rance only \$10,000. The sheriff, treasure sasessor and surveyor found most of their books and papers, but the dome of the building fell upon the roof of the county clerk's fireproof room, crushing through and all the county records of both this and Cottle county are a total loss, will entail untold trouble to replace the County Attorney Holland and District torney Wells were sleeping in one of third story rooms of the building and the first to discover the fire and give darm, being wakened by the smoke Holland, who had returned to his room the third time saving county pro off by the falling in of the s rope being thrown to him he

ground in sately. Gentlemen, bring way best girl and trent for to oysters and coping on your way home from the opera to-night. Next door to W. H. Taylor's, Houston street.

WORK OF HIRED ASSASSINS. John Gilliam Found Dead at El Pass.

An Ear Missing-Several Ar-

rests are Made.

Special to the Gazette. EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEX., Oct. 27.—John Gilliam, alias French Johnny, was murdered a few days ago, and this mera-ing his body was discovered on the river bank near the Sauthern Pacific tracks. It is bank hear the Sauthern Pacine tracks. It is supposed to be the work of hired assassins, as an ear is gone, probably for the purpose of showing the interested parties that the deed was done. Gilliam had a number of men indicted for horse stealing, and ven-

geance has frequently been sworn against him. Five men have been arrested on suspicion. The shoes of one of the men compare with the foot-prints near the place where the body was founded and bear blood tonk on the sides. ock of fine suitings. ousering and or

Importing Tailor.

A BAD WRECK.

Four Persons Killed and Several Seriously Injured. Galessure, Ill., Oct. 21.—The Chicago Burlington and Quincy fast passenger train met with a terrible accident las-

night near Monmouth, sixteen miles from here. A switch was partly open and the locomotive ran into the siding, while the rest of the train held the main track, and seven cars were detailed and capsized Four persons were killed, as follows: Mrs. George Allen, Lemoin, Ill.; F. L. Johnson,

Avon, Ill.; George Courtney and A. A. Pomery of Galesburg, Ill. Seriously injured: Elizabeth McDonald, T. J. Kirby, John Burnet, Gus Wiggers, Fireman Nels Anderson, Frank Walters. Hundreds of people are visiting the wrock.

wreck.

The following were also injured in the railway accident: S. W. Cooper, T. W. Miller, James Miller, Catherine Miller, Mrs. Cathrine Corus, E. S. McDonald, E. Rowe, Estat Rowe, Jeremiah Canty, Nute Peters, Oscar Zimmerman, L. S. Bricher, Mrs. A. C. Swope, George Allen, Ed Evans, James Farrell and James Scarbon agh.

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